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PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1992-1997*

MAJOR PROGRAMME I. MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY, DISARMAMENT AND DECOLONIZATION

Programme 1. Good offices and peacemaking, peace-keeping, research and the collection of information

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/PPBME Rules/1(1987)).

2. Regulation 3.11 provides, inter alia, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as required to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the intergovernmental organs or international conferences since the adoption of the plan.

3. The revisions proposed below modify the title and the relevant parts of the narrative of programme 1, Good offices and peacemaking, peace-keeping, research and the collection of information, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, which was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/253 of 21 December 1990 and issued in document A/45/6/Rev.1. The revisions

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do not reflect a fundamental change in the mandate of the programme. Rather, at the level of general orientation and overall strategy, they incorporate certain changes in the problems and issues facing the Secretary-General. They also reflect organizational changes arising from the reorganization of the Secretariat.

4. The following text modifies the title of the programme and paragraphs 1.2 to 1.6, 1.9, 1.10, 1.18, 1.19 and 1.21 of A/45/6/Rev.1.

A. Programme

5. It is proposed to revise the title of Programme 1 to read: "GOOD OFFICES, PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY, PEACEMAKING, PEACE-KEEPING, RESEARCH AND THE COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION".

1. General orientation

Paragraph 1.2 — In the last sentence, after "preventive diplomacy" insert "and peacemaking".

Paragraph 1.3 — Replace the second to fifth sentences with the following:

"In March 1992, the Secretary-General established the Department of Political Affairs to develop an enhanced capacity for good offices, preventive diplomacy, and peacemaking, and to collect and analyse relevant information, in alerting the relevant organs about impending crises, and in carrying out mandates decided upon by the Security Council, the General Assembly and other competent organs. This new department, headed by two Under-Secretaries-General, incorporated most and in some cases all of the activities of the following former departments and offices: Office for Political and General Assembly Affairs and Secretariat Services; Office for Research and the Collection of Information; Department for Political and Security Council Affairs; Department for Special Political Questions, Regional Cooperation, Decolonization and Trusteeship and the Department for Disarmament Affairs. Further, in order to strengthen the capacity of the Secretariat in the area of peace-keeping, and to enhance its planning and managerial capability, the Secretary-General established the Department of Peace-keeping Operations, which incorporated the former Office for Special Political Affairs."

2. Overall strategy

Paragraph 1.4 — Replace the second sentence with the following: "At the Secretariat level, primary responsibility falls under the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, the Department of Political Affairs and the Department of Peace-keeping Operations."

Paragraph 1.5 — Replace subparagraph 1.5 (c) with the following:

"To undertake research, and collect and analyse information in support of the efforts of the Secretary-General in matters related to the maintenance of international peace and security."

3. Subprogramme structure and priorities

Paragraph 1.6 — Replace paragraph 1.6 with the following:

"The programme on good offices, preventive diplomacy and peacemaking, peace-keeping, research and the collection and analysis of information will consist of the following subprogrammes:

"Subprogramme 1. Good offices, preventive diplomacy and peacemaking

"Subprogramme 2. Peace-keeping operations

"Subprogramme 3. Research, collection and analysis of information."

B. Subprogrammes

SUBPROGRAMME 1. GOOD OFFICES AND PEACE-MAKING

Title of subprogramme — Revise the title of subprogramme 1 to read, "Good offices, preventive diplomacy and peacemaking".

Paragraph 1.9 — In the first sentence, after "such as" insert "fact-finding and"

Paragraph 1.10 — Insert the following after the first sentence: "In addition to the restructuring and consolidation of the political departments, he has presented his analysis and recommendations on the capacity of the United Nations for preventive diplomacy, peacemaking and for peace-keeping in his report 'An Agenda for Peace' of 17 June 1992."

In the last sentence, after "peacemaking activities" insert "and preventive diplomacy".

SUBPROGRAMME 3. RESEARCH AND COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

Title of subprogramme — Revise the title of subprogramme 3 to read "Research, collection and analysis of information".

Paragraph 1.18

Replace paragraph 1.18 with the following:

"The legislative mandate for the subprogramme derives from Articles 13, 34, 98 and 99 of the Charter and General Assembly resolutions 12 (I), 41/12, 41/70, 41/213, 42/92, 42/93, 43/22, 43/61, 43/86, 44/11, 44/20, 44/120, 44/124 to 44/126, 44/164, 46/42 and 46/49, and decision 46/414".

Paragraph 1.19

Replace paragraph 1.19 with the following:

"Member States have stressed that the United Nations, through its relevant organs, should deal in a timely and urgent manner with potential or actual threats to peace. This requires a reliable and well-organized system for collecting, analysing and disseminating information for early warning of potential conflict areas where the United Nations could be of assistance in resolving disputes by peaceful means. With the advent of a new global situation and a new and enhanced role for the Organization in the structure of international relations the development of this system becomes a necessity. This subprogramme will aim to maintain an overview of bilateral, regional and international developments; identify potential sources of crisis management; encourage negotiated settlement of differences; and ensure effective implementation of intergovernmental decisions in the areas of international and regional security, peace and research, and the promotion of peace."

Paragraph 1.21

Replace "Office for Research and the Collection of Information" with "Department of Political Affairs".

Replace subparagraph (b) with the following:

"Collecting and analysing political information from news agencies and the media, United Nations information centres and other publicly available sources on developments related to peace and security for use by the Secretary-General and senior officials".

In subparagraph (f), after "the United Nations system" insert "regional organizations,".

Replace subparagraph (g) with the following:

"Prepare background papers, analyses and assessments with a focus on longer-range and security issues and on international developments relevant to responsibilities of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security and on regional security, cooperation and zones of peace".

Add new subparagraphs (h) to (j) as follows:

"(h) Prepare reports for submission to the General Assembly on issues of international peace and security and on regional security, cooperation and zones of peace;

"(i) Collect and analyse views of Member States on problems concerning peace and security and prepare reports accordingly, as requested by the General Assembly;

"(j) Undertake and coordinate studies and projects in peace research and for the promotion of peace."

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MAJOR PROGRAMME I. MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY, DISARMAMENT AND DECOLONIZATION

Programme 2. Political and Security Council affairs

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/PPBME Rules/1(1987)).

2. Regulation 3.11 provides, inter alia, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as required to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the intergovernmental organs or international conferences since the adoption of the plan.

3. The revisions proposed below modify the title and the relevant parts of the narrative of programme 2, Political and Security Council affairs, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, which was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/253 of 21 December 1990 and issued in document A/45/6/Rev.1. The revisions do not reflect a fundamental change in the mandate of the programme. Instead, in the overall strategy, they reflect the organizational changes arising from the reorganization of the Secretariat.

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4. The following text modifies the title of programme 2 and paragraphs 2.3, 2.5 to 2.7 and 2.11 to 2.15 of A/45/6/Rev.1.

A. Programme

5. It is proposed to revise the title of programme 2 to read: "SECURITY COUNCIL AFFAIRS".

2. Overall strategy

Paragraph 2.3 — Replace paragraph 2.3 with the following:

"Activities under this programme will be carried out by the Department of Political Affairs, which incorporates the former Department of Political and Security Council Affairs. A description of the functions of the Department of Political Affairs will be contained in the Organizational Manual of the Secretariat (Secretary-General's Bulletin ST/SGB/Organization) to reflect the changes."

Paragraph 2.5 — Replace paragraph 2.5 with the following:

"In carrying out those activities, the Department will need to ensure effective coordination with the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, the Department of Peace-keeping Operations and the Office of Legal Affairs in connection with the work of the Security Council and with a number of other departments and offices, including the Department of Humanitarian Affairs and the Department of Public Information, in connection with the fulfilment of their related responsibilities."

3. Subprogramme structure and priorities

Paragraph 2.6 — Replace paragraph 2.6 with the following:

"The programme has only one subprogramme, entitled 'Security Council and political committees activities'."

Paragraph 2.7 — Revise paragraph 2.7 to read:

"No priority designation is made since the programme now has only one subprogramme."

B. Subprogrammes

SUBPROGRAMME 1. SECURITY COUNCIL AND POLITICAL COMMITTEES ACTIVITIES

Title and number of subprogramme

The title of the subprogramme does not change but no numbering is assigned since it is proposed that the programme have only one subprogramme.

Paragraph 2.11

Delete the phrase: ",and in particular the Security Council and Political Committees Division,".

Insert new subparagraphs (f) to (j) as follows:

"(f) Service the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean with a view to implementing the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace;

"(g) Provide substantive servicing for annual sessions of the First Committee as they relate to the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean, the question of Antarctica and the international security items dealt with in that Committee - including the strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region and the review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security - the promotion of peace and regional security, cooperation and zones of peace; and assist Member States in the implementation of resolutions, decisions and recommendations dealing with international peace and security;

"(h) Coordinate the annual observances of the International Day of Peace and the International Week of Science and Peace;

"(i) Prepare various information materials related to peace issues;

"(j) Assist and advise non-governmental organizations and academic institutions undertaking projects in the promotion of peace."

SUBPROGRAMME 2. SERVICES FOR POLITICAL AND SECURITY AFFAIRS

Delete subprogramme 2 (titles and paras. 2.12-2.15).

As a result of the reorganization of the Secretariat, the objectives and course of action of the Secretariat are currently reflected under the remaining subprogramme of programme 2 and under the revised subprogramme 3, Research, collection and analysis of information, of programme 1, Good offices, preventive diplomacy and peacemaking, peace-keeping, research and the collection and analysis of information.

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MAJOR PROGRAMME I. MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY, DISARMAMENT AND DECOLONIZATION

Programme 3. Political and General Assembly affairs and secretariat services

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/PPBME Rules/1(1987)).

2. Regulation 3.11 provides, inter alia, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as required to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the intergovernmental organs or international conferences since the adoption of the plan.

3. The revisions proposed below modify the title and relevant parts of the narrative of programme 3, Political and General Assembly affairs and secretariat services, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, which was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/253 of 21 December 1990 and issued in document A/45/6/Rev.1. The revisions do not reflect a fundamental change in the mandate of the programme; they instead

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respond to the organizational changes arising from the restructuring of the Secretariat.

4. The following text modifies the title of programme 3 and paragraphs 3.1 to 3.15, 3.19 and 3.20 of A/45/6/Rev.1.

A. Programme

5. It is proposed to revise the title of programme 3 to read: "GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS".

1. General orientation

Paragraph 3.1

Replace paragraph 3.1 with the following:

"The primary purpose of this programme is to provide adequate support services for the General Assembly, a principal organ of the United Nations, and related political analysis and advice to the Secretary-General. The basic mandate for the programme is thus the Charter of the United Nations. Discharge of these functions means that the responsible official, the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, is also well placed to perform certain other political functions assigned to him by the Secretary-General."

Paragraph 3.2

Replace the first sentence with the following: "As the agenda of the General Assembly has grown since the establishment of the Organization, so has the task of providing services to this principal organ."

At the end of the last sentence, delete "and the Council".

2. Overall strategy

Paragraph 3.3

Replace paragraph 3.3 with the following:

"Activities under this programme will be carried out by the Department of Political Affairs. As a result of the restructuring of the Secretariat, the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs and Secretariat Services, which was formerly responsible for these activities, was incorporated into the new Department. The functions of that office relating to the technical servicing of meetings in the economic and social fields were transferred to the Department of Economic and Social Development. A description of the functions of the Department will be contained in the Organizational Manual of the Secretariat (ST/SGB/Organization) to reflect the changes."

Paragraph 3.4 — Replace paragraph 3.4 with the following:

"In carrying out its functions, the Department will plan and help to organize meetings of the General Assembly; provide secretariat services; ensure coordination of the work of the Secretariat in their support; provide editorial services for documentation submitted to and by them; and follow up on implementation of resolutions adopted. Political functions will involve preparation of analyses, provision of advice and coordination of specified activities."

Paragraph 3.5 — Replace paragraph 3.5 with the following:

"In relation to its servicing activities, the Department will ensure effective coordination with many offices, notably the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, including the Protocol and Liaison Service, and the Office of Conference Services. Its editorial functions require cooperation with a wide range of author departments, as well as with permanent missions and permanent observer missions, as does effective follow-up of resolutions adopted."

3. Subprogramme structure and priorities

Paragraph 3.6 — Replace paragraph 3.6 with the following:

"The programme on General Assembly Affairs will consist of one subprogramme, entitled, 'General Assembly Affairs'."

Paragraph 3.7 — Replace paragraph 3.7 with the following:

"No priority designation is made since this programme has only one subprogramme."

B. Subprogramme

SUBPROGRAMME 1. POLITICAL AFFAIRS

Delete subprogramme 1 (titles and paras. 3.8-3.15) and renumber subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

SUBPROGRAMME 2. GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS

Title and number of subprogramme — The title of the subprogramme does not change but no numbering is assigned since it is proposed that the programme have only one subprogramme.

Paragraph 3.19 (new para. 3.11) — Revise the first sentence to read: "This subprogramme would aim to ensure adequate secretariat and support services to the General Assembly and its General Committee."

Paragraph 3.20 (new para. 3.12) — Replace the introductory phrase of paragraph 3.20 with the following: "In implementing this subprogramme, the Department of Political Affairs will:"

SUBPROGRAMME 3. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AFFAIRS AND SECRETARIAT SERVICES

Delete "Subprogramme 3. Economic and Social Council affairs and secretariat services".

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MAJOR PROGRAMME I. MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY, DISARMAMENT AND DECOLONIZATION

Programme 4. Special political questions, trusteeship and decolonization

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/PPBME Rules/1(1987)).

2. Regulation 3.11 provides, inter alia, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as required to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the intergovernmental organs or international conferences since the adoption of the plan.

3. The revisions proposed below modify the titles of the subprogrammes and relevant parts of the narrative of programme 4, Special political questions, trusteeship and decolonization, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, which was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/253 of 21 December 1990 and issued in document A/45/6/Rev.1. The revisions do not reflect a fundamental change in the mandate, orientation and strategy of the

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programme. Rather, at the level of general orientation and overall strategy, they reflect certain changes to take into account most recent resolutions and decisions of the legislative and deliberative organs of the United Nations. At the subprogramme level, revisions have been made to reflect certain changes in the objectives and course of action by the Secretariat, and to clarify and update the existing text. They also reflect organizational changes resulting from the reorganization of the Secretariat as well as activities previously carried out by the former Office for Political and General Assembly Affairs and Secretariat Services relating to the reconstruction and development of Lebanon. The activities previously carried out by the Department of Special Political Questions, Regional Cooperation, Decolonization and Trusteeship in respect of programme 4, Special political questions, trusteeship and decolonization are now being carried out by the Department of Political Affairs. The revisions have not been reviewed by the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

4. The following text modifies the titles of the subprogrammes and paragraphs 4.1, 4.12, 4.14, 4.16, 4.18 to 4.22 and 4.28 of A/45/6/Rev.1.

A. Programme

1. General orientation

5. It is proposed to replace "Department for Special Political Questions, Regional Cooperation, Decolonization and Trusteeship" with "Department of Political Affairs" throughout the text of this programme.

Paragraph 4.1

In the last sentence after "44/17" add ", as well as activities for enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections as called for by General Assembly resolution 46/137".

After the last sentence, insert the following: "Following the restructuring of the Secretariat, coordination of specified activities relating to the reconstruction and development of Lebanon, which are called for by annual General Assembly resolutions, the most recent being resolution 46/173, will also be carried out under this programme."

2. Overall strategy

Paragraph 4.12

Delete the second sentence.

3. Subprogramme structure and priorities

Paragraph 4.14

Replace "Good offices and peace-making, peace-keeping, research and the collection of information, Political and Security Council affairs, Political and General Assembly

affairs" with "Good offices, preventive diplomacy, and peace-making, peace-keeping, research and the collection and analysis of information, Security Council affairs, General Assembly affairs".

Paragraph 4.16 — Revise titles and renumber subprogrammes to read as follows:

"Subprogramme 1. Special political questions

"Subprogramme 2. Regional, political and security cooperation

"Subprogramme 3. Self-determination, trusteeship and decolonization

"Subprogramme 4. Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections".

B. Subprogrammes

SUBPROGRAMME 1. SPECIAL POLITICAL QUESTIONS AND REGIONAL COOPERATION

Title of subprogramme — Revise title of subprogramme 1 to read "Special political questions".

Paragraph 4.18 — Add reference to General Assembly resolutions 45/11, 45/13, 45/224, 46/9, 46/20, 46/160, 46/172 and 46/173, and decisions 45/429 and 46/436.

Paragraph 4.19 — At the end of the first sentence, add ", particularly in the light of chapter VI of the Charter on Pacific Settlement of Disputes".

Paragraph 4.20 — In the first sentence, after "associations" insert "in Africa and the Middle East".

Replace the second sentence with the following: "Follow-up and reporting on the assistance being rendered to the front-line States by donor countries, the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations and the progress achieved in the implementation of the General Assembly resolutions concerning special assistance to front-line States will continue in consultation with the relevant United Nations agencies and other international and intergovernmental organizations. Follow-up and reporting on the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions dealing with cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Coordination Conference will continue in close consultation and cooperation with the latter."

At the end of paragraph 4.20, insert the following: "The Department will monitor political developments in Lebanon that are relevant to the implementation of activities for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon as well as to political coordination of United Nations assistance activities."

Paragraph 4.21

Insert the following before the penultimate sentence: "Economic trends and their political implications in areas of concern to the Office will receive attention."

Insert new paragraphs 4.22 to 4.24 and renumber subsequent paragraphs accordingly:

"4.22. Continuing adverse conditions in Lebanon have severely hindered the Secretary-General's efforts for the reconstruction and development of that country, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 33/146 and subsequent annual resolutions, most recently resolution 46/173. The Department of Political Affairs will continue coordination efforts during the plan period. The scope of activities needed to deal with the likely humanitarian and development needs of Lebanon during the plan period will entail a concerted effort by the entire United Nations system, together with others, with a consequent need for coordination of efforts.

"4.23. By its resolution 681 (1990), dealing with ways and means of ensuring the safety and protection of the Palestinian refugees under Israeli occupation, the Security Council requested the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross, to develop further the idea of convening a meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention and to discuss possible measures that might be taken by them under the Convention and, for this purpose, to invite the Parties to submit their views on how the idea could contribute to the goals of the Convention, as well as on other relevant matters, and to report thereon to the Council. The Security Council also requested the Secretary-General to monitor and observe the situation regarding Palestinian civilians under Israeli occupation, making new efforts in this regard on an urgent basis, and to utilize and designate or draw upon the United Nations and other personnel and resources present there, in the area and elsewhere, needed to accomplish this task and to keep the Security Council regularly informed. The Security Council further requested the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council every four months, and decided to remain seized of the matter as necessary.

"4.24. In a presidential statement of 4 April 1992, the members of the Security Council expressed concern about the deterioration of the situation in the Gaza Strip and requested the Secretary-General to use his good offices, in accordance with resolution 681 (1990), regarding the situation concerning Palestinian civilians under Israeli occupation."

Insert a new subprogramme 2 as follows and renumber the following subprogrammes and paragraphs accordingly:

"SUBPROGRAMME 2. REGIONAL, POLITICAL AND SECURITY COOPERATION

"(a) Objectives

"4.27. The legislative authority for the subprogramme is set out in Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations and General Assembly resolutions 43/4, 44/7, 44/8, 44/17, 45/10, 46/13 and 46/24.

"4.28. The policy-making organs, including the Security Council and the General Assembly, have been stressing the importance of cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations in preventive diplomacy, peace-making and peace-keeping. The presidential statement adopted by the Security Council following its meeting of 31 January 1992, at the level of Heads of State or Government, laid stress on the enhancement of political and security cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations.

"4.29. The objective of the subprogramme will be to promote the implementation of the relevant provisions of Chapter VIII of the Charter, entitled 'Regional arrangements'.

"(b) Course of action in the Secretariat

"4.30. Effective general cooperation will continue to be maintained with the secretariats of the regional and interregional organizations, associations and conferences dealing with political matters of concern to the United Nations, in particular through joint meetings, consultations and other forms of liaison with those secretariats. In addition, the following activities will also be carried out under this subprogramme:

"(a) The development and coordination of promotional activities and technical assistance to regional and interregional political and security organizations;

"(b) The implementation of relevant resolutions of the General Assembly on cooperation with regional organizations;

"(c) The organization of specialized meetings between the United Nations Secretariat and the secretariats of regional and interregional organizations;

"(d) Preparation of meetings between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the secretaries-general of regional and interregional organizations."

SUBPROGRAMME 2. TRUSTEESHIP AND DECOLONIZATION

Title of subprogramme

Revise the title of subprogramme 2, Trusteeship and decolonization, and renumber to read: "Subprogramme 3. Self-determination, trusteeship and decolonization".

Insert a new subprogramme 4 as follows:

"SUBPROGRAMME 4. ENHANCING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PRINCIPLE OF PERIODIC AND GENUINE ELECTIONS

"(a) Objective

"4.37. The legislative mandate of the subprogramme derives from General Assembly resolution 46/137.

"4.38. Member States have determined that periodic and genuine elections and the right of everyone to take part in the government of his or her country are crucial factors in the effective enjoyment by all of a wide range of other human rights and fundamental freedoms, embracing political, economic, social and cultural rights. They have affirmed the value of the electoral assistance that the United Nations has provided at the request of some Member States, in the context of full respect for their sovereignty and have expressed their belief that the international community should continue to give serious consideration to ways in which the United Nations can respond to the requests of Member States as they seek to promote and strengthen their electoral institutions and procedures.

"4.39. The main objective of the subprogramme is to provide electoral assistance to Member States upon their request. Towards this end an Electoral Assistance Unit has been established, which will seek to assist Member States in the holding and verification of elections as a mechanism to promote peace-making, further the enhancement of human rights and provide development assistance.

"(b) Course of action of the Secretariat

"4.40. In implementing the subprogramme the Secretariat will:

"(a) Coordinate and consider requests for electoral assistance;

"(b) Channel requests for electoral assistance to the appropriate office or programme;

"(c) Develop a system for an institutional memory of United Nations experience in the electoral field;

"(d) Prepare a manual for use by United Nations election monitors;

"(e) Develop a roster of international experts;

"(f) Establish and maintain working relationships with relevant organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental, regional and non-governmental organizations in order to ensure adequate coordination and consistency of responses;

"(g) Organize and conduct workshops on electoral assistance;

"(h) Establish and administer a trust fund for electoral verification."

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MAJOR PROGRAMME I. MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY, DISARMAMENT AND DECOLONIZATION

Programme 5. Question of Palestine

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/PPBME Rules/1(1987)).

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3. The revisions proposed below modify the relevant parts of the narrative of programme 5, Question of Palestine, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, which was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/253 of 21 December 1990 and issued in document A/45/6/Rev.1. The revisions do not reflect a fundamental change in the mandate, orientation and strategy of the programme. Rather, at the level of general orientation and overall strategy, they incorporate certain changes to reflect the most recent resolutions of the General Assembly. They also reflect organizational changes arising from the

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reorganization of the Secretariat. Following the abolition of the Office for Political and General Assembly Affairs, activities previously undertaken by the Office under major programme 1, Maintenance of peace and security, disarmament and decolonization, are now being carried out by the Department of Political Affairs. The revisions have not been reviewed by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

4. The following text modifies paragraphs 5.2, 5.5, 5.7 to 5.9 and 5.11 to 5.13 of A/45/6/Rev.1.

A. Programme

5. It is proposed to replace "Office of Political and General Assembly Affairs and Secretariat Services" and "Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs and Secretariat Services" with "Department of Political Affairs" throughout the text of the programme.

1. General orientation

Paragraph 5.2 Replace the penultimate sentence with the following:

"Most recently, in its resolution 46/75 of 11 December 1991, the Assembly considered that the convening of an International Peace Conference on the Middle East, under the auspices of the United Nations, with the participation of all parties to the conflict, including the Palestine Liberation Organization, on an equal footing, and the five permanent members of the Security Council, based on Security Council resolutions 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967 and 338 (1973) of 22 October 1973 and the legitimate national rights of the Palestinian people, primarily the right to self-determination, would contribute to the promotion of peace in the region; reaffirmed principles for the achievement of comprehensive peace; and requested the Secretary-General to continue his efforts with the parties concerned, and in consultation with the Security Council, for the promotion of peace in the region, and to submit progress reports on developments in that matter."

In the last sertence, replace "'Good offices and peace-making, peace-keeping, research and the collection of information'" with "'Good offices, preventive diplomacy and peace-making, peace-keeping, research and the collection and analysis of information'".

Paragraph 5.5 Revise the penultimate sentence to read: "The General Assembly, particularly in its most recent resolution 46/76 of 11 December 1991, on the uprising (intifadah) of the Palestinian people, ..."

Paragraph 5.7 — Replace the last sentence with the following:

"In addition to the mandate outlined in paragraph 5.3 above, the Division is charged with the promotion of maximum publicity for information on the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people and on the efforts of the United Nations to promote the attainment of those rights, heightening international awareness of the facts relating to the question of Palestine and creation of a more favourable atmosphere for the full implementation of the recommendations of the Committee."

2. Overall strategy

Paragraph 5.8 — At the end of paragraph 5.8, replace, "implementation of a public information programme on the subject" with "mobilization of official and public opinion in support of a comprehensive, just and lasting settlement of the question of Palestine in accordance with the relevant United Nations resolutions".

Paragraph 5.9 — In the first sentence, replace "and UNRWA" with ", UNRWA and other organizations, agencies and bodies of the United Nations system".

In the second sentence, delete "also".

Replace the last sentence with the following:

"Coordination and cooperation will also be undertaken with appropriate organizations and bodies outside the United Nations system regarding the question of Palestine."

B. Subprogrammes

Paragraph 5.11 — Replace "resolutions 44/41 A to C and 44/42" with "resolutions 46/74 A to C, 46/75 and 46/76".

Paragraph 5.12 — In the second sentence, replace "to disseminate" with "to mobilize maximum publicity for".

Paragraph 5.13 — In subparagraph (a), replace "resolution 44/42" with "resolution 46/75", and replace "the proposed" with "an".

In subparagraph (d), insert "and non-governmental" after "intergovernmental".

Replace subparagraph (e) with the following:

"To conduct research and prepare studies and other publications relating to the different aspects of the question of Palestine and to make efforts to achieve maximum publicity for such studies and publications through all appropriate means".

In subparagraph (f), replace "commemoration" with "observance".

Add a new subparagraph (g) as follows:

"To establish, maintain and develop a computer-based information system relating to the question of Palestine".

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MAJOR PROGRAMME I. MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY, DISARMAMENT AND DECOLONIZATION

Programme 6. Elimination of apartheid

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/PPBME Rules/1(1987)).

2. Regulation 3.11 provides, inter alia, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as required to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the intergovernmental organs or international conferences since the adoption of the plan.

3. The revisions proposed below modify the titles of the subprogrammes and relevant parts of the narrative of programme 6, Elimination of apartheid, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, which was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/253 of 21 December 1990 and issued in document A/45/6/Rev.1. Although the revisions do not reflect a fundamental change in the mandate of the programme, changes have been made in the orientation and strategy in view of developments in South Africa. At the

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level of the general orientation and overall strategy, they reflect certain changes that take into account the most recent resolutions and decisions of the legislative and deliberative organs of the United Nations. At the subprogramme level, revisions have been made to define clearly the objectives and course of action of the Secretariat, as well as to clarify and update the existing text. Previously the activities under programme 6, Elimination of apartheid, were administratively placed under the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs. Following the restructuring of the Secretariat, that Department was discontinued and the activities are now being carried out by the Department of Political Affairs. The revisions have not been reviewed by the Special Committee against Apartheid.

4. The following text modifies the titles of the subprogrammes and paragraphs 6.1 to 6.4, 6.7, 6.8, 6.11 to 6.19 and 6.21 to 6.27 of A/45/6/Rev.1.

A. Programme

Paragraph 6.1

Add reference to General Assembly resolution 46/79 and Security Council resolution 765 (1992).

Insert a new paragraph 6.2 as follows and renumber the subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

"6.2. With the adoption, on 14 December 1989, of the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, the General Assembly reiterated the high priority it placed on the elimination of apartheid. For the first time, and with one voice, the international community outlined essential elements of a united, non-racial and democratic South Africa and endorsed a process of negotiations towards that end. The programme was adjusted along the letter and spirit of the Declaration as demonstrated by General Assembly consensus resolutions 44/244 of 17 September 1990, 45/176 A of 19 December 1990 and 46/79 A of 13 December 1991."

Paragraph 6.2 (new para. 6.3)

Insert in paragraph 6.2 after "apartheid system in South Africa" "through peaceful means".

Replace subparagraphs 6.2 (a) to (c) with the following:

"(a) Monitoring closely developments in South Africa and actions of the international community, particularly regarding appropriate pressure on South Africa and timely assistance to the victims and opponents of apartheid;

"(b) Mobilizing international opinion in support of the early establishment of a democratic, non-racial South Africa;

"(c) Undertaking activities aimed at supporting the political process towards the establishment of a non-racial and democratic South Africa."

Paragraph 6.3 (new para. 6.4)

In the first sentence, delete the following: "when the Council considered the question of the situation in the Union of South Africa, recognizing that it had led to international friction and, if continued, might endanger international peace and security (resolution 134 (1960))".

Paragraph 6.4 (new para. 6.5)

In the first sentence, replace "the racist policies pursued by the South African Government" with "apartheid".

Paragraph 6.7 (new para. 6.8)

At the end of the second sentence, insert "and to make the process towards that end profound and irreversible".

Replace the last sentence with the following: "Although positive steps have been undertaken in South Africa to create a climate conducive to negotiations, the international community continues to declare that apartheid cannot be reformed but has to be eradicated."

Paragraph 6.8 (new para. 6.9)

Replace the second sentence with the following: "While apartheid still persists in South Africa and its racist legacy determines the daily life of the South African people, the process of creating a negotiating framework towards the end of apartheid has reached a new stage. The international community has intensified and continues its monitoring of developments in South Africa and, increasingly, identifies the dangers that could disrupt the ongoing process of a democratic transformation of the country. In this light, it is important to continue to exert pressure on the Government of South Africa as well as to provide assistance to the anti-apartheid forces. Apartheid will be considered to have been abolished only after the establishment of transitional arrangements, the adoption of a new constitution, and the installation of a new government following free and fair elections based on that constitution".

Paragraph 6.11 (new para. 6.12)

In the first sentence, replace "Department of Political and Security Council Affairs" with "Department of Political Affairs."

Paragraph 6.12 (new para. 6.13)

Replace paragraph 6.12 with the following:

"One of the main tasks of the Special Committee against Apartheid in the forthcoming period is the close monitoring of the situation in South Africa in order to encourage and facilitate the ongoing process of peacefully eliminating apartheid, and to contribute to the emergence of a democratic and non-racial society in South Africa. Particular emphasis will be given to issues of internal peace and human rights, the rehabilitation of political prisoners and the resettlement and urban reintegration of refugees and other exiles, the serious socio-economic inequalities, shortages in housing, health services and education resulting from decades of apartheid, as well as issues of constitution-building, and ways and means of

helping to address these problems. Within the context of the need to respond appropriately to ongoing developments in South Africa the Special Committee will continue to review existing restrictive measures from the point of view of whether changes are warranted by positive developments in South Africa. The Centre against Apartheid will be instrumental in assisting the Special Committee to organize a number of conferences, seminars, round tables, consultations and other events with non-governmental organizations, anti-apartheid movements, representatives of intergovernmental organizations and others, including participants with relevant expertise who are or are likely to be in decision-making positions".

Paragraph 6.13
(new para. 6.14)

Replace paragraph 6.13 with the following:

"In order to ensure a concerted response by the United Nations to the present and future needs for assistance, in particular, as regards assistance to the disadvantaged sectors of South African society, the Secretary-General, in accordance with resolution 46/79 A of 13 December 1991, may expand the scope of activities, which could entail the physical presence of United Nations offices and agencies inside South Africa. In this context, the Centre's role to promote coordinated activities of the United Nations system in South Africa will acquire renewed and increased importance while focusing on well defined subject areas. The Centre against Apartheid will continue to be the focal point on the issue of apartheid and related developments in South Africa, and will assist the Secretary-General in (a) promoting a concerted approach by the United Nations system towards South Africa, aimed at supporting the process under way towards a non-racial democracy in that country; and (b) facilitating assistance during the transition period and beyond to consolidate a stable and peaceful development in a new South Africa. The Centre will also continue to collaborate with regional and interregional organizations, national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity, anti-apartheid movements, trade union confederations, religious and civic non-governmental organizations and others who have an active interest in the elimination of apartheid."

Insert a new paragraph 6.15 as follows and renumber subsequent paragraphs accordingly:

"In order to meet information and publicity needs regarding the international campaign against apartheid and the evaluation of developments inside South Africa, the Special Committee, the Centre and other bodies engaged in activities against apartheid will cooperate with the Committee on Information with regard to information policy and with the Department of Public Information with regard to the production of publications, films and other

publicity material, as well as radio and worldwide press coverage on events relating to apartheid and its elimination. The coordination of information activities in this field between the Centre, the Centre for Human Rights, and other relevant United Nations bodies and units of the Secretariat will also continue. The cooperation of anti-apartheid movements and other non-governmental organizations worldwide will also be solicited on specific projects where it is deemed that such contacts will enhance the effects of the desired information and publicity programmes."

Paragraph 6.14 (new para. 6.16)

Replace "two" with "three".

Revise titles and renumber subprogrammes to read as follows:

"Subprogramme 1. Monitoring and coordination of international action against apartheid and in support of a new, non-racial and democratic South Africa

"Subprogramme 2. Educational, legal, humanitarian and other assistance to disadvantaged South Africans

"Subprogramme 3. Information and promotional activities".

Paragraph 6.15 (new para. 6.17)

Replace paragraph 6.15 with the following:

"Subprogrammes 1 and 2 are designated high priority."

SUBPROGRAMME 1. PROMOTION AND COORDINATION OF INTERNATIONAL ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID

Title of subprogramme

Revise the title of subprogramme 1 to read: "Monitoring and coordination of international action against apartheid and in support of a new non-racial and democratic South Africa"

Paragraph 6.16 (new para. 6.18)

Add reference to General Assembly resolutions 45/176 and 46/79.

Paragraph 6.17 (new para. 6.19)

Replace paragraph 6.17 with the following:

"In a number of United Nations resolutions adopted since 1962, appeals have been made to all Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to increase their cooperation with the Special Committee against Apartheid in the discharge of its mandate, as a means of making progress towards the peaceful elimination of apartheid. Measures adopted at the forty-fourth session and the sixteenth special session of the General

Assembly called for international support for the eradication of apartheid in South Africa through genuine negotiations; the imposition, coordination and strict monitoring of measures in support of United Nations efforts for the peaceful elimination of apartheid; international financial pressure on South Africa; an oil embargo against South Africa; the cessation of military collaboration with South Africa; the analysis of sanctions; monitoring mechanisms of governmental and intergovernmental organizations; and support for the work of the Commission against Apartheid in Sports. At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly, inter alia, appealed to the international community to give its full and concerted support to the vulnerable and critical process under way in South Africa through a phased application of appropriate pressure on the South African authorities and, within the context of the need to respond appropriately to ongoing developments there, called on the international community to review existing restrictive measures as warranted by positive developments, such as agreement by the parties on transitional arrangements and agreement on a new non-racial, democratic constitution. Although measures called for in various resolutions have been implemented by a large number of States and by intergovernmental and non-governmental bodies, they have not yet attained their goal, owing in part to inadequate international coordination and the lack of full compliance on the part of the main trading partners of South Africa to implement many of the restrictions called for in the resolutions."

Paragraph 6.18 (new para. 6.20)

Replace paragraph 6.18 with the following:

"Consequently, this subprogramme will address itself to increasing the momentum for international action by strengthening the monitoring and analysis of the situation in South Africa, the monitoring of the international response, with special reference to measures intended to apply appropriate pressure and contribute to a speedy end to apartheid, and maintaining and enhancing the international consensus on the issue."

Paragraph 6.19 (new para. 6.21)

Replace paragraph 6.19 with the following:

"The Centre against Apartheid will service the Special Committee against Apartheid, which monitors the situation in South Africa and the relevant actions of the international community, and its subsidiary intergovernmental bodies and other intergovernmental bodies, such as the Intergovernmental Group to Monitor the Supply and Shipping of Oil and Petroleum Products to South Africa and the Commission against Apartheid in Sports."

Paragraph 6.21 (new para. 6.23)

Delete "and study on the implementation of ... racial policies"

Insert a new sentence to read: "It will also provide documentation, advice and assistance in connection with missions undertaken by the Special Committee to consult with Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations."

Paragraph 6.22 (new para. 6.24)

Replace paragraph 6.22 with the following:

"In this context, the Centre will service conferences, seminars and other events as approved by the Special Committee focusing on well defined subject areas and aimed at supporting the process under way towards a non-racial democracy and at facilitating assistance during a transition period and beyond to consolidate a stable and peaceful development in a new South Africa. The Centre will place a particular emphasis on meetings to be organized with participants at high levels of expertise in their respective areas, who are, or are likely to be in decision-making or influential positions."

Paragraph 6.23

Delete paragraph 6.23 and renumber subsequent paragraphs, beginning with paragraph 6.25.

Insert a new subprogramme 2 after paragraph 6.22 as follows and renumber the subsequent subprogrammes and paragraphs accordingly:

"SUBPROGRAMME 2. EDUCATIONAL, LEGAL, HUMANITARIAN AND OTHER ASSISTANCE TO DISADVANTAGED SOUTH AFRICANS

"(a) Objectives

"6.25. Legislative authority for the subprogramme is set out in General Assembly resolutions 2054 B (XX), 2349 (XXII), 46/79 and 46/80.

"6.26. As contained in the respective resolutions cited above, the activities to be carried out under the subprogramme will include:

"(a) The voluntary repatriation of South African refugees and exiles;

"(b) Providing humanitarian, educational assistance inside South Africa;

"(c) Expanding at an appropriate time and in a concerted manner the scope of system-wide assistance provided inside South Africa aimed at addressing socio-economic issues, particularly in the areas of education, health, housing and social welfare, which may involve the physical presence of organizations and agencies of the United Nations system in South Africa;

"(d) Providing funding to broad-based impartial non-governmental organizations inside South Africa so as to ensure the effective implementation of legislation repealing major

apartheid laws, and redressing the continuing adverse effects of these laws, thus encouraging increased public confidence in the rule of law;

"(e) Initiating educational and training programmes inside South Africa to ensure, to the largest extent possible, the returnability and job placement of graduates funded from the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa;

"(f) Reviewing from time to time the training activities of the Programme inside South Africa and abroad so as to meet some of the human resource needs of South Africans during the transition to a new South Africa and beyond;

"(g) Encouraging Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, including international professional associations, to use their influence and leverage inside South Africa in helping graduates of the Programme and other educational programmes in gaining access to appropriate job opportunities.

"6.27. Consequently, the subprogramme aims at:

"(a) Enhancing a climate conducive to negotiations and peace;

"(b) Focusing international attention on the urgent need to address the socio-economic imbalance resulting from decades of apartheid and thus contributing to the promotion of a new, non-racial, multi-party democracy in South Africa that is both economically and socially viable;

"(c) Enabling the victims of apartheid to obtain redress for their legitimate grievances through the court system and thus instilling a greater public confidence in the rule of law;

"(d) Designing and implementing cost-effective training and educational programmes inside South Africa and providing a Black cadre for the smooth transition to a non-racial and democratic South Africa, especially in the field of public administration, high- and middle-level management, policy analysis and planning, engineering and science as well as training of lawyers, judges and others for the effective administration of justice in the post apartheid South Africa;

"6.28. It is important that the experience acquired by the Centre, particularly in the political, educational, legal, humanitarian and other fields, should be used to the fullest to contribute to the smooth transition to a new, non-racial and democratic South Africa. The Centre's vast contacts with networks of anti-apartheid movements and other non-governmental organizations actively engaged against apartheid, with trade unions, church and other religious organizations, women's organizations, parliamentarians, cultural personalities and others will be brought to bear during the period covered by the medium-term plan.

"(b) Course of action by the Secretariat

"6.29. The Centre will administer, on behalf of the Secretary-General, the Trust Fund for the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa and the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa and will service conferences, seminars and other events as approved by the Advisory Committee on the Training Programme and the Committee of Trustees of the Trust Fund.

"6.30. The Centre will undertake research and prepare analytical studies and reports on the educational crisis in South Africa and on all aspects of the educational, legal, humanitarian and other assistance it provides to South Africans. It will provide documentation, advice and assistance in conjunction with missions undertaken by the Advisory Committee and the Committee of Trustees and/or the representative of the Secretary-General to consult with Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

"6.31. It will consult and coordinate activities with donor countries, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, implementing agencies as well as with the historic Black South African universities on the execution of the new and expanded legislative mandates of the programmes.

"6.32. As a focal point on apartheid-related items, the Centre will provide advisory and other services to organizations and agencies of the United Nations system, to donors, implementing agencies and others concerned so that the continued South Africa-related activities and programmes are in harmony with the main thrust of United Nations action in support of a new, non-racial and democratic South Africa as defined in the consensus United Nations Declaration on South Africa adopted in December 1989.

"6.33. The Centre will continue to develop formal and informal cooperative activities, both within the United Nations system and outside, to achieve it stated goals. Informal consultations and cooperation with outside agencies are particularly useful because of the role of the Centre as a designated focal point. It is important that cooperation and coordination are strengthened system-wide so as to ensure an optimal use of the limited resources available within the United Nations system.

"6.34. So far, all of the Centre's resources devoted to programmes of educational, legal and humanitarian assistance to disadvantaged South Africans have been funded through voluntary contributions by Member States. Because of the expanded scope of assistance to be provided inside South Africa to address the socio-economic issues, the smooth reintegration of former political prisoners into South African society, and the promotion of a culture of human rights, it will become necessary during the current medium-term plan to carry out fund-raising activities and develop a physical presence inside South Africa, in line with the decision of the Administrative Committee on Coordination taken in April 1991."

SUBPROGRAMME 2. PUBLICITY AGAINST APARTHEID

Title and number of subprogramme

Replace "SUBPROGRAMME 2. PUBLICITY AGAINST APARTHEID" with "SUBPROGRAMME 3. INFORMATION AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES".

Paragraph 6.24 (new para. 6.35)

Add reference to General Assembly resolutions 45/176 and 46/79.

Paragraph 6.25 (new para. 6.36)

Replace subparagraph 6.25 (a) with the following:

"Promoting support for a negotiated settlement of the conflict in South Africa as outlined in the United Nations Declaration on Apartheid and the consensus resolutions".

Insert new subparagraphs as follows:

"(e) Ensuring the necessary coordination of activities of the United Nations system with regard to and in South Africa;

"(f) Facilitating assistance during the transition period and beyond so as to consolidate a stable and peaceful development in a new South Africa."

Paragraph 6.26 (new para. 6.37)

Replace paragraph 6.26 with the following:

"The Centre against Apartheid will assist the Secretary-General, the Special Committee against Apartheid, its subsidiary bodies and other intergovernmental bodies it services, in the execution of promotional activities contained in General Assembly and Security Council resolutions on Apartheid and of their respective mandates."

Paragraph 6.27 (new para. 6.38)

Replace subparagraph 6.27 (b) with the following:

"Assisting in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/79 of 13 December 1991 concerning information components of cultural, sports and other contacts with South Africa, which calls for, inter alia, the resumption of academic, scientific and cultural links with democratic anti-apartheid organizations as well as the resumption of sports links with unified, non-racial sporting organizations of South Africa".

Replace subparagraph 6.27 (c) with the following:

"Cooperating with non-governmental organizations, anti-apartheid movements, other democratic forces and, in particular, other United Nations bodies, as well as regional, international and other organizations, to promote coordination of information activities in support of United Nations efforts for a negotiated settlement of

the conflict and the advent of a new, non-racial and democratic South Africa".

At the end of subparagraph 6.27 (d) add "and on current developments in South Africa".

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MAJOR PROGRAMME I. MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY, DISARMAMENT AND DECOLONIZATION

Programme 7. Disarmament

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/PPBME Rules/1(1987)).

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3. The revisions proposed below modify the relevant parts of the narrative of programme 7, Disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, which was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/253 of 21 December 1990 and issued in document A/45/6/Rev.1. The revisions do not reflect a fundamental change in the mandate of the programme. They reflect a modification of the general orientation of the programme and the organizational change arising from the restructuring of the Secretariat.

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4. The following text modifies paragraphs 7.4, 7.19 and 7.24 and footnote 2 of A/45/6/Rev.1.

5. It is proposed to replace "Department for Disarmament Affairs" with "Department of Political Affairs" throughout the narrative of the programme (paras. 7.9, 7.11, 7.18, 7.25 and 7.28).

A. Programme

1. General Orientation

Paragraph 7.4

Replace the last sentence with the following:

"The activities under this programme will be carried out by the Department of Political Affairs."

Insert a new paragraph 7.9 as follows and renumber subsequent paragraphs accordingly:

"7.9. The dramatic changes in the East-West relationship, and the consequent overall improvement in international relations, have resulted in an enhanced role of the United Nations in the field of international security, arms control and disarmament. There has also been a significant shift in emphasis of the issues that require urgent action by the international community. This calls for appropriate adjustments in the work of the Department of Political Affairs with a view (a) to promoting the new role of the Organization in the field of international security, arms control and disarmament; (b) to translating into a practical programme of action the relevant provisions of the Declaration of the Summit Meeting of the Security Council of 31 January 1992, as appropriate; and (c) to being more action-oriented in assisting Member States."

2. Overall strategy

Paragraph 7.19
(new para. 7.20)

Delete the last sentence.

B. Subprogrammes

SUBPROGRAMME 1. DELIBERATION AND NEGOTIATION

Paragraph 7.24
(new para. 7.25)

At the end of subparagraph (f), replace "Department of Conference Services" with "Office of Conference Services of the Department of Administration and Management".

Notes

Footnote 2

Replace footnote 2 with the following:

"The primary responsibility for the servicing of and providing substantive support for the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean rests with the Department of Political Affairs."

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MAJOR PROGRAMME I. MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY, DISARMAMENT AND DECOLONIZATION

Programme 8. Peaceful uses of outer space

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2. Regulation 3.11 provides, inter alia, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as required to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the intergovernmental organs or international conferences since the adoption of the plan.

3. The revisions proposed below modify the relevant parts of the narrative of programme 8, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, which was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/253 of 21 December 1990 and issued in document A/45/6/Rev.1. The revisions do not reflect a fundamental change in the mandate of the programme. They instead reflect organizational changes arising from the restructuring of the Secretariat.

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4. The following text modifies paragraphs 8.5, 8.6 and 8.12 of A/45/6/Rev.1.

5. It is proposed to replace the references to "Department of Political and Security Council Affairs" and "Outer Space Affairs Division" throughout the narrative of this programme with "Department of Political Affairs" (paras. 8.5, 8.6 and 8.12).

A. Programme

Paragraph 8.5	Replace the first sentence with the following: "The work of the Secretariat as it relates to outer space matters is carried out by the Department of Political Affairs, and by the Office of Legal Affairs."
Paragraph 8.6	In the second sentence, replace "Technical Cooperation for" with "Economic and Social".
Paragraph 8.12	Delete "the Outer Space Affairs Division of".